

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to enacting the "victims protection and child sex buyer accountability act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "victims protection and child sex buyer accountability act".

3 § 2. The first undesignated paragraph of section 230.05 of the penal
4 law, as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A person is guilty of patronizing a person for prostitution in the
7 second degree when, being eighteen years old or more, [~~he or she~~] such
8 person patronizes a person for prostitution and the person patronized is
9 less than [~~fifteen~~] eighteen years old.

10 § 3. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 230.06 of the penal law, as
11 amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as
12 follows:

13 1. [~~He or she~~] Such person patronizes a person for prostitution and
14 the person patronized is less than eleven years old; or

15 2. Being eighteen years old or more, [~~he or she~~] such person patron-
16 izes a person for prostitution and the person patronized is less than
17 [~~thirteen~~] fifteen years old.

18 § 4. The first undesignated paragraph of section 230.11 of the penal
19 law, as added by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 A person is guilty of aggravated patronizing a minor for prostitution
22 in the third degree when, being twenty-one years old or more, [~~he or~~
23 ~~she~~] such person patronizes a person for prostitution and the person
24 patronized is less than [~~seventeen~~] eighteen years old and the person
25 guilty of patronizing engages in vaginal sexual contact, oral sexual

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 contact, anal sexual contact, or aggravated sexual contact as those
2 terms are defined in section 130.00 of this part, with the person
3 patronized.

4 § 5. Section 230.32 of the penal law, as added by chapter 627 of the
5 laws of 1978, the opening paragraph and subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended
6 by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 230.32 Promoting prostitution in the first degree.

8 A person is guilty of promoting prostitution in the first degree when

9 [~~he or she:~~

10 ~~1. knowingly advances or profits from prostitution of a person less~~
11 ~~than thirteen years old; or~~

12 ~~2. being twenty one years old or more, he or she]~~ such person knowing-
13 ly advances or profits from prostitution of a person less than fifteen
14 years old.

15 Promoting prostitution in the first degree is a class B felony.

16 § 6. The first undesignated paragraph of section 230.33 of the penal
17 law, as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 A person is guilty of compelling prostitution when, being eighteen
20 years old or more, [~~he or she~~] such person knowingly advances prostitu-
21 tion by compelling a person less than eighteen years old to engage in
22 prostitution, whether by force [~~or~~], intimidation, [~~to engage in prosti-~~
23 ~~tution~~] deception, manipulation, coercion, abuse of trust or authority,
24 or by exploiting a position of power, dependency, or emotional control.

25 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.